

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. State Celebration Commission of Missouri  
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St. Louis, Missouri 63103

The 33<sup>rd</sup>  
Annual  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Statewide Celebration  
Kick-off Program for Missouri

Calendar of Events  
**2019**

**"PROTECT THE DREAM;  
THE FIERCE URGENCY OF NOW"**



**“There is no easy way to create a world  
where men and women can live together,  
where each has his own job and house,  
where all children receive as much  
education as their minds can absorb. But  
if such a world is created in our lifetime,  
it will be done in the United States by  
Negroes and white people of good will. It  
will be accomplished by persons who have  
the courage to put an end to suffering by  
willingly suffering themselves rather than  
inflict suffering upon others. It will be  
done by rejecting the racism, materialism  
and violence that has characterized  
Western civilization and especially by  
working toward a world of brotherhood,  
cooperation and peace.”**

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
May 4, 1966*

Some quotations and pictures listed in this brochure are excerpts from Dr. King's speeches; others are from "Visions of Excellence – African-American Words of Inspiration." Photographs are from the following books: "He Had a Dream;" "King, the Photo Biography of Martin Luther King Jr.;" "The Story of Martin Luther King;" "The Life and Death of Martin Luther King Jr.;" and "Martin Luther King Jr."

The activities and events that are listed in this calendar represent those submitted to the Commission prior to the printing deadline.

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**State of Missouri  
Official Proclamation  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
Statewide Celebration**



December 21, 2018

Dear Friends:

Greetings from the Governor's Office!  
I write this letter to welcome everyone to  
this year's official Kick-Off Program and  
Celebration of Dr. King's Birthday  
throughout the State of Missouri. I extend  
my congratulations, made on behalf of the  
over six million citizens of Missouri, to the  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. State  
Celebration Commission for your admirable  
work to recognize Dr. King's legacy. For  
over three decades, you have led our state in  
paying tribute to the lifework and legacy of  
one of our country's finest leaders, the  
Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. King was a beacon of hope and inspiration during his life for many millions of people worldwide through his thoughtful wisdom, moving oratory, and courage in the face of physical danger. A half century after his tragic death, his spirit has continued to inspire countless people in working to promote peace, justice, and equality in their communities. May that inspiration live on for many future generations of Americans.

Thank you for what you have accomplished on behalf of our state. May God bless the memory of Dr. King and may God bless our great State of Missouri and these United States.

Sincerely,



Michael L. Parson  
Governor



250,000 people marched in Washington, D.C. on August 28, 1963, coming by plane, bus, train, and on foot, and from every walk of life. It was the biggest peaceful demonstration for civil rights in history.

*Quote from "Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968,  
An Ebony Picture Biography"*

**Dr. Dwaun J. Warmack  
Chairman**



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote:

*“Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.”*

**THE 2019 COMMISSIONERS  
STATE OF MISSOURI**

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. State Celebration Commission was appointed by the governor of the state of Missouri in 1986. The specific mission of the Celebration Commission is to consider and recommend to individuals and organizations appropriate activities for the recognition and celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday in the state of Missouri.

The Honorable Michael L. Parson  
Governor

Dr. Dwaun J. Warmack  
Chairman

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(Lee's Summit)

## **The National Celebration of the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

On August 27, 1984, following an act of the 98th Congress of the United States of America, President Ronald Reagan signed into law, legislation creating the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Federal Holiday Commission.

As provided in the authorizing legislation, the purpose of the Commission was to encourage appropriate ceremonies and activities throughout the United States relating to the first legal observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, January 15, 1986, and to provide advice and assistance to federal, state and local governments, as well as private organizations with respect to the observance.

Congress created the Commission in recognition of the historical importance of the first observation of our newest holiday and the need for an organized effort at the federal level to ensure that the first observance was a success.

In this spirit, the State Celebration Commission of Missouri wholeheartedly supports the federal Commission's efforts to successfully fulfill this Congressional mandate.

“I would challenge you today to see that his spirit never dies and that we will go forward from this experience, which to me represents the crucifixion – on toward the resurrection and redemption of his spirit.  
We must carry on...”

*Coretta Scott King*

# **“I Have A Dream”**

## **Speech**

by

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

**Delivered on the Lincoln Memorial Steps in  
Washington, D.C.  
August 28, 1963**



“Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of captivity. But one hundred years later, we must face the tragic fact that the Negro is still not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination.

One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land. So we have come here today to dramatize an appalling condition.

In a sense, we have come to our nation's capitol to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men would be guaranteed the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check, which has come back marked 'insufficient funds.' But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. So we have come to cash this check – a check that will give us, upon demand, the riches of freedom and the security of justice. We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to open the doors of opportunity to all of God's children. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood.

It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment and to underestimate the determination of the Negro. This sweltering

summer of the Negro's legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality. 1963 is not an end, but a beginning. Those who hope that the Negro needed to blow off steam and will now be content will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual. There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights. The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.

But there is something that I must say to my people who stand on the warm threshold, which leads to the palace of justice. In the process of gaining our rightful place, we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred.

We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force. The marvelous new militancy, which has engulfed the Negro community, must not lead us to distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny and their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone.

And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall march ahead. We cannot turn back. There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, 'When will you be satisfied?' We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities. We cannot be satisfied as long as the Negro's basic mobility is from a

smaller ghetto to a larger one. We can never be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote. No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from narrow cells. Some of you have come from areas where your quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality. You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive.

Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our northern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed. Let us not wallow in the valley of despair.

I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: ‘We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.’

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at a table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day the state of Alabama, whose governor's lips are presently dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, will be transformed into a situation where all black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith with which I return to the South. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with a new meaning, 'My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring.'

And if America is to be a great nation, this must come true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania! Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado! Let freedom ring from the curvaceous peaks of California!

But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia! Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee! Let freedom ring from every hill and every molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"'



# **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

## **The King Holiday**

Mrs. Coretta Scott King

*A day to reaffirm the American ideals of freedom, justice and opportunity for all.*

*A day to love, not hate; for understanding, not anger; for peace, not war.*

*A day for families to share together, to reach out to relatives and friends and to mend broken relationships.*

*A day when the community rids itself of the St. Louis Public Library-Barriers that divide it and comes together as one.*

*A day when people of all races, religions, classes and nations in life put aside their differences and join in a spirit of togetherness.*

*A day for nations of the world to cease all violent actions, seek nonviolent solutions and demonstrate that peace is not just a dream but a real possibility, if only for one day.*

*If for only one day, each of us serves as a “drum major for justice and peace,” then we bring to life the inspiring vision of freedom of which Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. dreamed, a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who awakened in us the best qualities.*

**City of St. Louis  
Official Proclamation  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
Statewide Celebration**



**Lyda Krewson  
Mayor, City of St. Louis**

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on January 15, 1929; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. King embodied the ideals of tolerance, nonviolence, peace, justice and equal opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1964, Dr. King won the Nobel Peace Prize for his nonviolent campaigns brought reconciliation and justice; and

**WHEREAS**, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 1985, then Missouri Governor John Ashcroft created and established the Martin Luther King, Jr. State Celebration Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, since its establishment, the Martin Luther King, Jr. State Celebration Commission has

recommended and fostered appropriate activities for the recognition and celebration of Martin Luther King Day in the State of Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, tonight's celebration and award ceremony will bring together people from all walks of life and is the first of many events that will pay tribute to the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

**WHEREAS**, on behalf of the City of St. Louis, it is my great pleasure to extend thanks and appreciation to the past and present members of the Commission who have worked tirelessly to honor Dr. King and the just cause for which he stood.

Now, therefore, I, Lyda Krewson, Mayor of the City of St. Louis, do hereby proclaim January 12, 2019, as:

**"DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. STATE  
CELEBRATION DAY"  
IN THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS**

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of St. Louis, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, A.D. 2019.

If I can help somebody as I pass along,  
If I can cheer somebody with a song,  
If I can show somebody he's traveling wrong,  
Then my living will not be in vain.

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

## **King Holiday Bell Ringing**

In 1986, the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday Commission began the tradition of ringing the U.S. Liberty Bell on the holiday honoring Dr. King. The Bell-Ringing Ceremony takes place in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on the third Monday of January at noon E.S.T.

Simultaneously, similar ceremonies take place on the capitols of each of the 50 states with the governors ringing replica Liberty Bells, which were cast and sent to the states by President Harry Truman.

The Bell-Ringing Ceremony was created to serve as an appropriate opening for events that encourage us to remember, celebrate and act on the King Holiday, such as community service projects, forums on race relations, parades or marches. Since the ceremony began, churches, synagogues, mosques, schools and civic organizations have also participated. For religious or ethnic cultures that have no tradition of bell ringing, the commission has encouraged them to participate in the ceremony with an expression appropriate to their tradition, like the blowing of the shofar or the singing of a song.

A particularly fitting symbol for honoring the work of Dr. King, the Liberty Bell was introduced to a national audience as a symbol for the abolitionist movement. The first reference historians can find to the name “Liberty Bell” is on the cover of an 1837 edition of *Liberty*, published by the New York Anti-Slavery Society. Previously known only in Philadelphia as the State House Bell, the bell, used as an antislavery symbol, brought it to much greater prominence.

# **Major Issues of Dr. King's Campaigns From 1954-1968**

**1955**

Non-segregated buses – Montgomery, AL

**1961**

Freedom Rides – Washington, D.C. to New Orleans

**1962**

Non-segregated public accommodations and voting rights – Albany, GA

**1963**

Non-segregated public accommodations: affirmative action – Birmingham, AL

**1964**

Non-segregated public accommodations – St. Augustine, FL

**1965**

Guaranteed protection voting rights – Selma, AL

**1966**

Open housing; ending slums – Chicago, IL

**1967**

Ending slums; jobs – Cleveland, OH

**1968**

Right to organize for garbage workers – Memphis, TN

End poverty in the United States – Poor People's Campaign

Right to organize for hospital workers (planned by Dr. King, led by Ralph Abernathy) – Charleston, SC

# **DR. KING'S SIX PRINCIPLES OF NONVIOLENCE**

*"Often the question has arisen concerning my own intellectual pilgrimage to nonviolence. In order to get at this question it is necessary to go back to my early teens in Atlanta. I had grown up abhorring not only segregation, but also the oppressive and barbarous acts that grew out of it."*

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**Principle 1:** *Nonviolence is not passive, but requires courage.*

**Principle 2:** *Nonviolence seeks reconciliation, not defeat of an adversary.*

**Principle 3:** *Nonviolent action is directed at eliminating evil, not destroying an evil-doer.*

**Principle 4:** *A willingness to accept suffering for the cause, if necessary, but never to inflict it.*

**Principle 5:** *A rejection of hatred, animosity or violence of the spirit, as well as refusal to commit physical violence.*

**Principle 6:** *Faith that justice will prevail.*

# **DR. KING'S SIX STEPS OF NONVIOLENCE**

1. *Information gathering and research to get the facts straight.*
2. *Education of adversaries and the public about the facts of the dispute.*
3. *Personal commitment to nonviolent attitudes and action.*
4. *Negotiation with an adversary in a spirit of goodwill to correct injustice.*
5. *Non-violent direct action, such as marches, boycotts, mass demonstrations, picketing, sit-ins, etc., to help persuade or compel adversary to work toward dispute-resolution.*
6. *Reconciliation of adversaries in a win-win outcome to establish a sense of community.*

Fundamental tenets of Dr. King's philosophy of nonviolence described in his first book, *Stride Toward Freedom*.

## **THE DISTINGUISHED KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

*2019 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
Statewide Celebration  
Kick-Off Program for Missouri*

*Saturday, January 12, 2019*

*6:30 p.m.*

*(Doors open at 5:30 p.m.)*

*Harris-Stowe State University*

*Dr. Henry Givens Jr. Administration Building  
3026 Laclede Avenue  
St. Louis, MO*



***The Honorable Maxine Waters***  
***United States House of Representatives***  
***43rd Congressional District, California***

Congresswoman Maxine Waters is considered by many to be one of the most powerful women in American politics today. She has gained a reputation as a fearless and outspoken advocate for women, children, people of color and the poor. Elected in November 2016 to her fourteenth term in the U.S. House of Representatives, Congresswoman Waters

represents the 43rd Congressional District of California, and serves as the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Financial Services. She is also a member of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, and member and past chair of the Congressional Black Caucus. Throughout her 37 years of public service, Maxine Waters has been on the cutting edge, tackling difficult and often controversial issues – and an advocate for international peace, justice, and human rights.

She is lauded by African American entrepreneurs for her work to expand contracting and procurement opportunities and to strengthen businesses. Long active in the women's movement, Rep. Waters has given encouragement and financial support to women seeking public office. Many young people, including those in the hip-hop music community, praise her for her support and understanding of young people and their efforts at self-expression.

Maxine Waters was born in St. Louis, Missouri, the fifth of 13 children reared by a single mother. She began working at age 13 in factories and segregated restaurants. After moving to Los Angeles, she worked in garment factories and at the telephone company. She attended California State University at Los Angeles, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. She began her career in public service as a teacher and a volunteer coordinator in the Head Start program. She is married to Sidney Williams, the former U.S. Ambassador to the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. She is the mother of two adult children, Edward and Karen, and has two grandchildren.

# **CAPE GIRARDEAU**



**MS. SHERRY MAXWELL**  
Commissioner, Cape Girardeau



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote:

***“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”***

**Date: January 15, 2019**

**Time: 7:00 p.m.**

**Event: 17th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Extravaganza**

**Place: Cape St. Louis Public Library-  
Central Junior High School**

**Auditorium**

**205 Caruthers Street**

**Cape Girardeau, MO**

A musical extravaganza honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. Area students

will provide musical and oratorical tributes. Sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Citywide Celebration Committee. Admission is free to the General Public. Attendees are asked to donate canned goods, nonperishable items, toiletries and school supplies.

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**Date:** January 20, 2019

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Event:** 29th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration

**Place:** TBA

A tribute honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s contributions as a minister and civil rights leader. Keynote Speaker. Rev. Rodney Hill, Guest Soloists Sean and Christine Barnett and Pastor Dorcel Ware. The Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Award will be presented. Sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Citywide Celebration Committee. Attendees are asked to donate canned goods, nonperishable items, toiletries, and school supplies. Admission is free to the General Public. Contact Debra Mitchell-Braxton 573-275-6814 or [mitchellbraxton@capetigers.com](mailto:mitchellbraxton@capetigers.com) or Zoia Martin at [Semorace@gmail.com](mailto:Semorace@gmail.com) 573-587-1169

**Date:** January 21, 2019

**Time:** 8:00 a.m.

**Event: 34th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast**

**Place: Salvation Army  
701 Good Hope Street  
Cape Girardeau, MO**

*A Day designated for Service to Others.* This celebration event encourages members of the community to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by helping individuals in need. Keynote Speaker: Apostle Adrian Taylor, Jr. Attendees are requested to donate items such as canned goods, nonperishable items toiletries, and school supplies that will be distributed to area agencies that provide assistance to individuals in need. Admission is free to the General Public. Sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Citywide Celebration Committee. Contact: Debra Mitchell-Braxton at 573-275-6814 or [mitchellbraxtond@capetigers.com](mailto:mitchellbraxtond@capetigers.com) or Zoia Martin at [Semorace@gmail.com](mailto:Semorace@gmail.com) or 573-587-1169.

**Date: January 21, 2019**

**Time: 11:30 a.m.**

**Event: Prayer Service for the Nation**

**Place: Salvation Army  
701 Good Hope Street  
Cape Girardeau, MO**

Various individuals from the community are given the opportunity to pray for our nation. Sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Citywide Celebration Committee. Contact Debra Mitchell-Braxton 573-275-6814 or [mitchellbraxtond@capetigers.com](mailto:mitchellbraxtond@capetigers.com) or Zoia Martin 573-587-1169 or [Semorace@gmail.com](mailto:Semorace@gmail.com)

**Date:** January 21, 2019  
**Time:** 12 Noon  
**Event:** 18th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Luncheon  
**Place:** Salvation Army  
701 Good Hope Street  
Cape Girardeau, MO

The event is designated to give attendees the opportunity to visit with various agencies and learn about volunteer opportunities. Lunch is provided along with Keynote Address presented by Pastor Zack Strong and guest soloist Ammiel Russell. Sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Citywide Celebration Committee. The Dr. C John Ritter Humanitarian Award will be presented at the event. Attendees are asked to bring canned goods, nonperishable items, toiletries and school supplies. Admission is free to the General Public. Contact: Debra Mitchell-Braxton at 573-275-6814 or [mitchellbraxton@capetigers.com](mailto:mitchellbraxton@capetigers.com) or Zoia Martin 573-587-1169 or [Semorace@gmail.com](mailto:Semorace@gmail.com)

**Date:** January 21, 2019  
**Time:** 4:00 p.m.  
**Event:** 23rd Annual Youth Gala  
**Place:** West Park Mall  
JC Penney Center Court  
134 West Park Mall  
Cape Girardeau, MO

A host of area students will perform a variety of tributes honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Citywide Celebration Committee. Contact: Debra

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**Date:** **January 23, 2019**  
**Time:** **Doors open at 5:00**  
          **p.m./Program begins at 6:00**  
          **p.m.**  
**Event:** **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**  
          **Annual Celebration Dinner**  
**Place:** **Show Me Center Arena**  
          **1333 N Sprigg Street**  
          **Cape Girardeau MO 63701**

A night of reflection, dinner and entertainment in commemoration of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Special Guest(s): Dr. Marc Lamont Hill.  
Sponsored by: Southeast Missouri State University. Admission Cost: \$20/ticket, \$160/table and sponsorship levels ranging from \$250 to \$3,000. Contact Person: Blessy Joseph Phone and email: (573) 651-2626,  
[mlkcommittee@semo.edu](mailto:mlkcommittee@semo.edu)

**Date:** **February 11, 2019**  
**Time:** **6:00 p.m.**  
**Event:** **Michael Davis Lecture**  
**Place:** **Rose Theatre, Grauel Building**  
          **909 Normal Ave.**  
          **Cape Girardeau, MO 63701**

Special Guest(s): Sarah Glover, president of the National Association of Black Journalists and Social media editor for NBC.  
Sponsored by: Department of Mass Media, Southeast Missouri State University.  
Admission Cost: Free. Contact Person: Blessy Joseph Phone and email: (573) 651-2626, [mlkcommittee@semo.edu](mailto:mlkcommittee@semo.edu)

**Date:** **February 15, 2019**  
**Time:** **6:00 p.m.**  
**Event:** **Movie and Discussion: Crash  
(2004)**  
**Place:** **University Center Ballroom A  
388 Henderson Ave.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701**

Rated R. Drama/Crime. Running time: 1h 55m.

Special Guest(s): Dr. Victor Wilburn  
Sponsored by: Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity and the Black Student Union, Southeast Missouri State University  
Admission Cost: Free. Contact Person: Blessy Joseph. Phone and email: (573) 651-2626, [mlkcommittee@semo.edu](mailto:mlkcommittee@semo.edu)

**Date:** **February 21, 2019**  
**Time:** **6:30 p.m.**  
**Event:** **"Damn.": How Kendrick Lamar won the Pulitzer Prize for Music (and how the media reacted)**  
**Place:** **University Center Ballroom A  
388 Henderson Ave.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701**

Special Guest(s): Dr. Jacqui Wilson and Dr. Tamara Zellars Buck. Sponsored by: Black Faculty and Staff Alliance, Southeast Missouri State University. Admission Cost: Free. Contact Person: Blessy Joseph Phone and email: (573) 651-2626, [mlkcommittee@semo.edu](mailto:mlkcommittee@semo.edu)

**Date:** **February 24, 2019**  
**Time:** **4:00 P.M.**  
**Event:** **Annual National Black History Month Celebration Program**

**Place:** **True Faith Missionary Ministries**  
**1225 Meriwether Street**  
**Cape Girardeau MO**

A host of area performers will provide musical, instrumental, oratorical and praise dances in honor of National Black History Month. Sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Citywide Celebration Committee. Contact: Debra Mitchell-Braxton at 573-275-6814 or [mitchellbraxtond@capetigers.com](mailto:mitchellbraxtond@capetigers.com) or Zoia Martin at 573-587-1169 or [Semorace@gmail.com](mailto:Semorace@gmail.com)

**Date:** **February 25, 2019**  
**Time:** **5:30 p.m.**  
**Event:** **Living while Black #unity**  
**Place:** **Cape Public Library**  
**711 Clark St.**  
**Cape Girardeau, MO 63701**

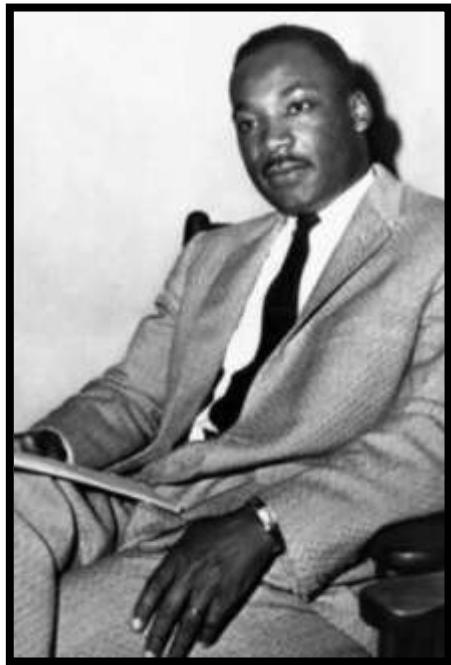
Panel presentation about living in modern America identified as African-American. Panelists will share their story, experiences, and struggles living while black. Special Guest(s): Facilitated by Dr. Shonta Smith. Sponsored by: Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity, Southeast Missouri State University. Admission Cost: Free. Contact Person: Blessy Joseph Phone and email: (573) 651-2626, [mlkcommittee@semo.edu](mailto:mlkcommittee@semo.edu)

**Date:** **February 26, 2019**  
**Time:** **5:00 p.m.**  
**Event:** **Protest, Power, and Progress:  
Exploring Black Males across  
the Lifespan**

**Place: 388 Henderson Ave, University  
Center Ballroom A  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701**

Dr. C. P. Gause, Chair and Professor of the Department of Leadership, Middle and Secondary will take the audience on a journey of discovery, wonder and intrigue. This interactive session will showcase the narratives and (his) stories of Black Men who changed the trajectory of American culture. This presentation is based on the newly researched edited volume from Drs. Ransaw, Gause and Majors- "The Handbook of Research on Black Males: Quantitative, Qualitative, and Multidisciplinary (International Race and Education Series)" published by Michigan State University Press. Sponsored by: Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity, Southeast Missouri State University

Admission Cost: Free. Contact Person: Blessy Joseph. Phone and email: (573) 651-2626, [mlkcommittee@semo.edu](mailto:mlkcommittee@semo.edu)



# **COLUMBIA**



**ATTY. MICHAEL MIDDLETON**  
**Commissioner, Columbia**



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote:

***“The arch of the moral universe is long,  
but it bends toward justice.”***

**Date:** January 23, 2019  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
**Event:** University of Missouri  
Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther  
King Jr.  
**Place:** Jesse Auditorium  
South 9<sup>th</sup> Street, University of  
Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211

Special Guest: *Bree Newsome* (Community  
Organizer and Activist). Sponsored by:  
University of Missouri MLK Planning

Committee & University of Missouri  
Division of Inclusion, Diversity & Equity.  
Free admission.  
For more info visit:  
[diversity.missouri.edu/our-work/mu-celebrates-martin-luther-king-jr/](http://diversity.missouri.edu/our-work/mu-celebrates-martin-luther-king-jr/).



*Bree Newsome*

The good neighbor looks beyond the external accidents and discerns those inner qualities that make all men human and, therefore, brothers.

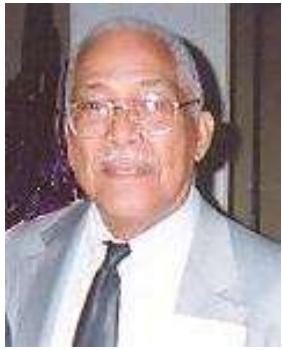
*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*



# **FULTON**



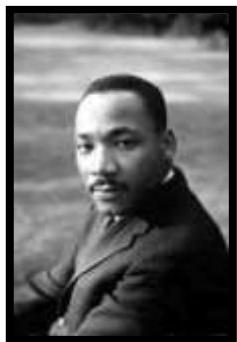
**MR. JACK MCBRIDE**  
Commissioner, Fulton



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote:

***"We must learn to live together as brothers  
or perish together as fools."***

*The Fulton Dr. Martin Luther King  
Celebration was not finalized at the time this  
calendar was published.*



# **JEFFERSON CITY**



**Date:** January 16, 2019

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Event:** Major General Donna Martin,  
Commander of the Maneuver  
Support Center of Excellence and  
Fort Leonard Wood

**Place:** 1st Floor Capitol Rotunda  
Missouri State Capitol Building

The Missouri Legislative Black Caucus is pleased to announce that Major General Donna Martin, Commander of the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood, will be the Keynote Speaker at the 2019 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Celebration hosted by the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Capitol Rotunda in the Missouri State Capitol Building. Special “thank you” to Mrs. Theressa Ferguson, Director of the Lincoln University Dance Troupe and Rep. Steve Lynch of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Legislative District. Major General Martin is the first female Commander in the 78 year history of the installation.



**Major General Donna Martin**

# ***JOPLIN***



***Missouri Southern State University  
19<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Celebration***

**Date:** January 21, 2019  
**Time:** 8:00 a.m.  
**Event:** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Celebration Breakfast  
**Place:** Conner Ballroom  
Billingsly Student Center,  
Missouri Southern State  
University  
3950 E. Newman Road  
Joplin, MO 64801

Guest Speaker: Mr. Lyle Foster, Assistant Professor of Sociology at Missouri State University, as well as an active member of the Springfield community as a change agent and entrepreneur. Admission Cost: \$10/person, free to children under age 5. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Contact Person: Lori Musser, Chairperson, MSSU Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee. Telephone and/Email: 417-625-9516, [Musser-L@mssu.edu](mailto:Musser-L@mssu.edu) or [diversity@mssu.edu](mailto:diversity@mssu.edu)

# **KANSAS CITY AREA**



**MRS. LESSIE THOMPSON**  
Commissioner, Lee's Summit



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote:

***"Freedom is never voluntarily given by the  
oppressor,  
it must be demanded by the oppressed!"***

**Date:** January 19, 2019  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Event:** 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. State Celebration  
**Place:** St. James United Methodist Church  
5540 Wayne, Kansas City, MO  
Rev. Dr. Emanuel Cleaver, III,  
Senior Pastor

**Theme: "Continuing to Pursue Dreams of Equality for Future Generations!" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Emanuel Cleaver III of St. James UMC**

The Dr. MLK State Celebration will be partnering with the KC Chapter of NAACP, Rev. Dr. Rodney E. Williams, President. Mistress of Ceremony is Mrs. Charnissa Holiday-Scott, President of Beta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

**PARTICIPANTS:** Paseo Academy of Fine and Performing Arts Choir - Rev. Willie Thornton Director; Dance Selection- God's Creation; St. James A-Flat Youth Orchestra - Directed by Mr. Darryl Chamberlain; Jazz Selection Ms. Paula Saunders & Friends; Mime Presentation Christian Ricketts; Soloist V. J. Herbert; Drama Presentation Ms. Cathy Johnson.

"Reflections" will be given by two community leaders, Mrs. Lajuana Counts, United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Missouri and Rev. Dr. Rodney E. Williams, President of the KC Chapter of NAACP.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Karla Cooper, Senior Pastor Allen - St. John AME Church  
Chairperson Mrs. Lessie J. Thompson.  
CTLJT2804@AOL.COM - 816-763-1232.

**Date:** January 19, 20 & 21, 2019  
**Event:** 2019 Kansas City Martin Luther King Day Volleyball Tournament  
**Place:** 548 South Coy Street, Kansas City, KS 66105

\$780 per team for the national qualifier divisions, 18 open, 18 USA and 18 American, \$580 per team for all other divisions. Entry Deadline; Thursday, December 18, 2018, as long as space is available. This event will be sponsored by GTM Sportswear and Molten

USA. There will be a blood drive during the Kansas City MLK event. **Contact:** 548 South Coy Street, Kansas City, KS 66105  
913-223-0445

**Date:** January 20, 2019  
**Time:** 5 p.m.  
**Event:** Golden Royalties  
**Place:** Holiday Inn Country Club Plaza,  
One E. 45th St, Kansas City,  
Missouri

26<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Education and Scholarship Event Silent Auction 4 – 5 p.m. Dinner and program 5 – 8 p.m. RSVP by Saturday, January 10, 2019. \$42 Admission. **Contact:** Sandra Watson [grc.sandrawatson@gmail.com](mailto:grc.sandrawatson@gmail.com)



More than 2,000 demonstrators were arrested in the Birmingham anti-segregation campaign. Police used fire hoses and dogs on marching children.

*“Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968,  
An Ebony Picture Biography”*

# **KIRKSVILLE**



**MS. BERTHA THOMAS**  
Commissioner, Kirksville



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. quote:

*"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."*

Date: January 26, 2019  
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Event: Dream, Believe, Act: Becoming the Change We Need” Unity Celebration  
Place: The Take Root Cafe, 114 W. Harrison St. Kirksville, Missouri 63502

The 3 hour event, appropriate for all, will blend diversity and inclusion activities, multicultural (unity and social justice themed) arts and crafts, music, and a social justice play. In addition, ATSU dental and medical students will provide wellness activities and workshops promoting oral health and certified yoga teachers will lead 'peace, and unity' yoga sessions.

All men are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality.

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*



# **ST. LOUIS REGIONAL AREA**



**Date:** January 1, 2019  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m.  
**Event:** Emancipation Proclamation  
**Place:** Greater Mt. Carmel Baptist  
Church  
1617 N. Euclid Ave.  
St. Louis, MO

Emancipation Proclamation Commemoration.  
Keynote speaker: Rev. Earl E. Nance, Jr.  
Sponsored by St. Louis Progressive District  
Association. Contact: 314-361-8893 or 314-  
531-2002. [Rev.nance.jr@charter.net](mailto:Rev.nance.jr@charter.net)

**Throwing and Growing Foundation · Open House**

Please join us on January 3, 2019 at 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm for the  
dedication and renaming of our center  
5403 Wren Ave. St. Louis, MO. 63120 - 314-650-1008

**Daisy B. Edwards "Miss Daisy"**  
Fitness and Educational Center



Missouri State Senior Olympics Oldest Female Thrower and Record Holder  
August 27, 1925 - October 3, 2018

**Date:** **January 4-5, 2019**  
**Time:** **8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Event:** **Throwing and Growing 9th Annual Winter Throws Camp and Competition**  
**Place:** **Throwing and Growing Fitness and Educational Center  
5403 Wren Ave.  
St. Louis, MO 63120**

New format, more sessions, smaller groups, more specialized training, speed, balance, agility, strength and conditioning, coordination, and cardio. To register or for additional information visit our website: throwingandgrowing.org. Email: throwingandgrowing@gmail.com 314-650-1008, Females only. Youth, open – masters.

**Date:** **January 5, 2019**  
**Time:** **3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
**Event:** **A King's Call to Action: Cards with Care**  
**Place:** **St. Louis Public Library-Central**

Celebrating the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. children and their caregivers will create cards and letters for veterans and soldiers. School age.

**Date:** **January 8, 2019**  
**Time:** **3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**  
**Event:** **MLK: Do-Right Posters**  
**Place:** **St. Louis Public Library-Buder**

Create a poster to show your favorite way to help others. School age.

**Date:** January 10, 2019  
**Time:** 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
**Event:** Creative Kids: Dog Toys  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library-Buder

Make a shelter dog's day—make a toy for an animal in a shelter. School age.

**MRS. ANITA BANKS**  
Commissioner, St. Louis



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote:

***"If I can help somebody as I pass along,  
then my living will not be in vain."***

**Date:** January 14, 2019  
**Time:** 4:30 p.m.  
**Event:** MLK Day of Service: Buttons for Change  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library-Divoll

Spread MLK Jr.'s vision for change by creating buttons to wear or share with others. Teens.

**Date:** January 14, 2019  
**Time:** 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
**Event:** Share Your Voice!  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library-Walnut Park

Teens will learn about zines and their role in empowerment, self-advocacy, and political activism. Teens will browse zines from SLPL's zine collection, magazines, and newspapers to see how others have shared their voices. Participants will be able to make their own zines to share their ideas with our community.

**DR. JAMES BUFORD  
Commissioner, St. Louis**



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote:

***“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”***

**Date:** January 15, 2019  
**Time:** 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
**Event:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Hand Banner  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library-  
Machacek

Children will discuss what the quote, “The time is always right to do what is right” means to them and will construct a Hand Banner.

<https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/hand-banner>. Families.

**Date:** January 15, 2019  
**Time:** 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
**Event:** King’s Call to Action: Caring Close to Home  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library-  
Cabanne

Children will create cards for senior citizens at the Wohl Community Center who need extra care and some cheerful encouragement. School age.

Nonviolence is a powerful and just weapon. It is a weapon unique in history, which cuts without wounding and enables the man who wields it.

It is a sword that heals.

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**LADY MERDEAN GALES**  
**Commissioner, St. Louis**



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote:

**"To curb injustices, you must expose them before the light of human conscience, and the bar of public opinion, regardless of whatever tensions that exposure generates."**

**Date:** January 17, 2019  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
**Event:** Doing the Right Thing: Dr. King's Legacy  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library-Schlafly

Listen to stories about being a productive member of the community. Trace, cut out, and decorate hearts to reflect your contributions. Preschool.

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.

*Martin Luther King Jr.*

**Date:** January 17, 2019  
**Time:** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
**Event:** Violence and Black Migration  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library-  
Carpenter

Cheeraz Gormon, founder and executive director of Sibling Support Network, will explore connections between the trauma of violent crime in African American communities and its impact on housing and people in an interactive discussion. Teens.

**DR. HENRY GIVENS JR.**  
**Emeritus Chairman**



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote:

***“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”***

**Date:** January 17, 2019  
**Time:** 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
**Event:** Remember the Time with MLK  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library-Julia Davis

Children will listen to the book *Martin's Big Words*, by Doreen Raqppaport. Kids will work together to create a human timeline of events of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life. School age.

**MRS. CONSTANCE G. GULLY**  
Chairwoman Emeritus



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote:

*“An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.”*

**Date:** January 17, 2019  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
**Event:** Presentation of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s final speech, "I've Been to the Mountaintop"  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library-Schlaflly

Children will listen to the book *Martin's Big Words*, by Doreen Rappaport. Kids will work together to create a human timeline of events of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life. School age.

His last speech was delivered at the Mason Temple Church of God in Christ on the eve of his assassination, April 3, 1968.

Professional actors will read the text of the speech from scripts. They will perform musical selections that depict the songs popular during the civil rights movement.

The audience will be encouraged to participate in a sing-a-long during the introduction led by the "Praise Leader" which creates an inspirational experience.

Images will be projected that depict various events during the era. A 15-minute "talk-back" will be facilitated by the director and actors. Adults.

Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.

*Martin Luther King Jr.*

**MR. EARNEST HART**  
**Commissioner, St. Louis**



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King quote:

***“He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love.”***

**Date:** January 18, 2019  
**Time:** 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
**Event:** Second Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Luncheon  
James Buford, Drum Major  
Honoree  
**Place:** Atrium at Christian Hospital

On January 18, 2019 the Christian Hospital Foundation will host its second annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Luncheon. James Buford, President Emeritus, Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, will receive the 2019 Drum Major Award. This award is bestowed upon unsung individuals who have given their time, talents, treasure and service in the name of justice and equality.

The keynote address will be given by Rev. Dr. William Barber II, President and Senior Lecture of Repairers of the Breach and Co-Chair of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for

Moral Revival. He is regularly featured in media outlets such as MSNBC, CNN, The New York Times, Washington Post, and The Nation Magazine among others. Contact Kamille Pope, for additional information at 314-653-5162 or kamille.pope@bjc.org

**Date:** January 18, 2019  
**Time:** 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
**Event:** Throwing and Growing Foundation “6th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Program and Essay Contest”  
**Place:** The Youth and Family Center  
818 Cass Ave.  
St. Louis, MO 63106

Dr. King had a dream! He was passionate about his dream! He also believed that everyone should have the rights to equal access and opportunities. General Guidelines: (1) contest is open to middle school - sophomore in high school. [Grades 6-10]; (2) compositions should be 500 words or less. Headings should be legible and include name, address, phone number, grade, school, and date; (3) while reference materials may be used - correcting and coaching by adults are not permitted; (4) A committee of the Board of Directors of the Throwing and Growing Foundation will serve as judges, selecting the top (3) essays from all entries. Prizes will be awarded to the top three essays; (5) 1st Prize - \$75 - 2nd Prize - \$50 - 3rd Prize - \$25; (6) NOTE: winners will be expected to make an oral presentation of their compositions at the program; and (7) deadline to submit entries is Thursday, January 12, 2019. Entries should be submitted to: Throwing and Growing Foundation P.O. Box 26014

Jennings, MO 63136 ATTN: Essay contest.  
For additional information contact:  
Commissioner Myrle Mensey Symonds at  
314-650-1008  
[throwingandgrowing@gmail.com](mailto:throwingandgrowing@gmail.com) or  
[throwingandgrowing.org](http://throwingandgrowing.org)

**Date:** January 19, 2019  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
**Event:** With Food and Justice for All  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library-Baden

Social justice projects come in many forms – and in some cases, many flavors. Several nonprofit groups in the Saint Louis area are working to “do what is right” through food oriented programs, from bringing fresh produce into neighborhoods that are “food deserts,” to helping disadvantaged individuals contribute to society through culinary programs. Join us as we hear presentations on this important work; opportunity for Q&A will follow.  
Adults.



**REV. SAMMIE JONES**  
**Commissioner, St. Louis**



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote:

*“The curse of poverty has no justification in our age.  
It is socially as cruel and blind as the practice of cannibalism at the dawn of civilization.”*

**Date:** January 20, 2019  
**Time:** 1:30 p.m. Resource Booth  
3:00 p.m. Program  
**Event:** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
7th Sunday Supper – A Salute to  
Veterans and Military Families  
**Place:** Omega Center  
3900 Goodfellow Boulevard  
St. Louis, MO 63120

In commemoration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Gamma Omega Chapter, the Ivy Alliance Foundation, and the men of Omega Psi Phi

Fraternity, Incorporated, Upsilon Omega Chapter will host their 7th annual sit-down Sunday Supper dinner in honor of 300 veterans and military families. We Salute our Veterans and Military Families with a Sunday Supper that includes a speaker, entertainment, information and referral resource booths.

Our goal is to raise the awareness of Veterans and Military Families about the resources available to them; increase the understanding of our veterans about economic issues and health needs through education; exposure to volunteer speakers, demonstrations and movie screenings; and to provide support and resources to aid in both housing and employment.

We plan to honor Military Families who have made sacrifices and are not often recognized. We plan to culminate the event with a brief program and a sit down dinner. Admission is free to all Veterans and Military families. We will serve our Veterans and Military families as the honored guests they truly are. Contact: [mlk2019vss.eventbrite.com](http://mlk2019vss.eventbrite.com) or call: 314-282-8018

We must combine the toughness of the serpent and the softness of the dove, a tough mind and a tender heart.

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

**MYRLE MENSEY-SYMONDS**  
**Commissioner, St. Louis**



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote:

***"Being a winner is not only achieved by breaking records, but by making good decisions in one's daily life."***

**Date:** January 20, 2019  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Event:** 17th Annual Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
**Place:** Hazelwood Civic Center East,  
8969 Dunn Road  
Hazelwood, MO

City of Hazelwood Community Enrichment Commission 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 7:00p.m. Keynote Speaker - Ms. Michelle Tucker, CEO Epworth Children & Family Services; Mr. Greg Theron, Charlton

Tandy portrayal; The Gentlemen of Vision, step routines; Mr. Michael Nigh and Mr. Ray Higginbotham, musical entertainment Mr. David Graham, Christian Comedian, serving as Master of Ceremonies. Free to attend. Candle lighting and refreshments. A family event.

**Date:** **January 21, 2019**

**Time:** **9 a.m.**

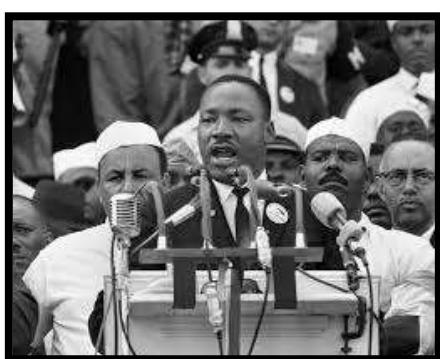
**Event:** **The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
Holiday Committee 50th Annual  
Celebration**

**Place:** **Old Courthouse/Rotunda  
4th & Market Street**

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Committee 50th Annual Celebration will begin with a Civic Ceremony at the Old Courthouse, 4th & Market Street. Rotunda 9 a.m. pre-ceremony showcase. 10 a.m. official opening Dr. Michael McMillan presiding. Official greetings and remarks by Mayor Lyda Krewson, City of St. Louis; Honorable Lewis Reed, President STL Board of Aldermen and other officials. Other dignitaries and statements of community concern. 11 a.m. March of celebration from courthouse by organizations, activists, churches, families, students and the community at large. 12:30 p.m. Interfaith service at the Leonard Baptist Church at Compton and Dr. Martin Luther King Dr. Bishop Stephen Thompson, host pastor. Open to the public and "Be Like Dr. King" participants. The struggle continues. For further information and King Buttons call 314-583-0532, 314-458-6906, or 314-769- 1211.

**Date:** January 21, 2019  
**Time:** 4:00 p.m.  
**Event:** The Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Celebration Lecture  
**Place:** Washington University School of  
Medicine  
Eric P. Newman Center  
320 S. Euclid Ave.  
St. Louis, MO 63110

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Lecture is a celebration of the life and legacy of the civil rights leader. Special Guest Speaker: Camara Jones, MD, MPH, PhD. Camara Jones is currently a Senior Fellow at the Satcher Health Leadership Institute and Cardiovascular Research Institute as well as Adjunct Associate Professor of Community Health and Preventive Medicine at Morehouse School of Medicine. Dr. Jones is a family physician and epidemiologist whose work focuses on the impacts of racism on the health and well-being of the nation. As a social epidemiologist, she conducts research on the social determinants of health and the social determinants of equity. Sponsored by: The Office of Diversity Programs at Washington University School of Medicine. Admission Cost: Free of charge. Contact Office: Office of Diversity Programs, 314-362-6854, [medschooldiversity@wusm.wustl.edu](mailto:medschooldiversity@wusm.wustl.edu)



Early in 1957 sixty black leaders founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and elected Martin Luther King Jr. president. In May he organized the Prayer Pilgrimage in Washington, D.C., the biggest civil rights demonstration that had been made by Negroes.

*"Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968,  
An Ebony Picture Biography"*

**REV. EARL NANCE JR.  
Commissioner, St. Louis**



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote:

***"Life's most persistent and urgent question  
is, what are you doing for others?"***

**Date:** January 22, 2019  
**Time:** 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
**Event:** “Standing for Truth, Knowledge and Unconditional Love”  
**Place:** SLCC Florissant Valley Campus  
Terry M. Fischer Theatre  
3400 Pershall Road  
Florissant, MO

St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley and North County Churches Uniting for Racial Harmony and Justice will host its annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Tuesday, Jan. 22. The celebration’s theme is “Standing for Truth, Knowledge and Unconditional Love.” Shawntelle Fisher, STLCC-Florissant Valley alumna and founder/CEO of The SoulFisher Ministries - which aims to spread hope and empower youth and convicted felons to be positive, productive, and socially responsible members in the community - will serve as the keynote speaker. The reception is from 5-6 p.m. on Florissant Valley’s campus in the Terry M. Fischer Theatre, located at 3400 Pershall Road. The program follows from 6-7 p.m.

Participants will have an opportunity to sign a gigantic birthday card for Dr. King, which measures 60" x 120," and see the talents of North County youth on display as current and former STLCC-Florissant Valley students lead the celebratory program. The celebration’s student speaker is Marc Wallace; student emcee is Tia Wilks; and vocalist is Daniel Allyn. Participants will also hear winning speeches from NCCU’s Oratorical Contest and music from local choirs. In addition to being inspired by rousing speakers and choir performances, guests will learn more about why the Ritenour School District is being honored with the 2019 Dr. Rance Thomas Excellence in Community Partnership Award.

"Ritenour School District was chosen because of its commitment to its entire community, its special programs focused on serving often underrepresented individuals and its work in creating a strong partnership with our campus," said Dr. Elizabeth Gassel Perkins, campus provost. This free event is open to the public, and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

**DR. GWENDOLYN PACKNETT**  
**Commissioner, St. Louis**



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote:

*"The hope of a secure and livable world lies with disciplined nonconformists who are dedicated to justice, peace and brotherhood."*

**Date:** January 22, 2019  
**Time:** 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
**Event:** Creative Kids: Let Freedom Sing  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library-Baden

Children will listen as Vanessa Newton's book "Let Freedom Ring" is read and make their own "Freedom Bell." Pre-K. .

**Date:** January 23, 2019  
**Time:** 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
**Event:** DIY: MLK Empowerment Jars  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library-Central  
Teens Services

Teens explore the themes of *Dear Martin* by Nic Stone and paint a jar where they collect "Dear..." letters to each other filled with words of empowerment. Teens.

**Date:** January 23, 2019  
**Time:** 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
**Event:** DIY: MLK Empowerment Jars  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library-Barr

**MLK: "Empowerment Rocks"**

Paint your own rock with an inspiring quote or picture to remind you to be strong when the going gets tough. School age.



**HON. BETTY THOMPSON**  
**Commissioner, St. Louis**



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King quote:

*"The function of education is to teach one  
to think intensively and to think critically.  
Intelligence plus character – that is the  
goal of true education"*

**Date:** January 24, 2019  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
**Event:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Trivia  
Day  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library-Julia  
Davis

Trivia day will focus on the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Participants will get to test their knowledge and learn new facts about one of the most celebrated Civil Rights activists. Adults.

We must come to see that the end we seek is a society at peace with itself, a society that can live with its conscience. That will be a day not of the white man, not of the black man. That will be a day of man as man.

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

## ***Black Migrations***

The St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation.

Join us in the month of February as we learn, discuss, and honor the sacrifices African Americans made during the Great Migration throughout the nation from small towns to large urban communities. Also, refer to [www.slpl.org](http://www.slpl.org) for more information.



**Date:** February 2, 2019  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
**Event:** Living for the City  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library-Central

Movie: “Owned: A Tale of Two Americas”  
The United States’ post-World War II government policies directly subsidized white America housing, while denying opportunities to minorities, setting America on two divergent paths—one of imagined wealth, propped up by speculation, and the other in systematically defunded and segregated communities where “the American dream” felt out of reach. Adults.

**Date:** February 2, 2019  
**Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
**Event:** Living for the City  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library- Carpenter

Panelist native to St. Louis will discuss housing challenges they faced while living in their respective neighborhoods. Kinloch, Mill Creek, St. Louis Public Library-Carondelet, Pruitt Igoe and Bluemeyer public housing are among a few of the communities that will be discussed with the focus on the impact migration and integration had on these communities.

Adults

**Date:** February 4-9, 2019  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m. – 12 Noon  
**Event:** Where'd You Go to High School:  
The Black High School Experience in St. Louis  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library-Carondelet

A pictorial and interactive display about Black high schools in St. Louis since the Great Migration. The display will rotate within the region. Each location will have a reception with the opening of the display.

February 4, 2019 thru February 9, 2019. 1st Week @ St. Louis Public Library-Carondelet

**Date:** **February 4, 2019**

**Time:** **4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**Event:** **Exploring Black Excellence:  
Past, Present, and Future**

**Place:** **St. Louis Public Library-Divoll**

Learn about the professional accomplishments of Black Americans during the Great Migration while exploring your own future goals. Decorate a patch with your future accomplishments and add it to Divoll's Dream Quilt. Teens.

**Date:** **February 5, 2019**

**Time:** **3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Event:** **Creative Kids: Steamboat School**

**Place:** **St. Louis Public Library-Buder**

Listen to the story Steamboat School by Deborah Hopkinson. Create a Boat. School age.

**Date:** **February 5, 2019**

**Time:** **4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Event:** **Education During the Great  
Migration**

**Place:** **St. Louis Public Library-  
Machacek**

Children will listen to readings from Eloise Greenfield's book The Great Migration: Journey to the North and discuss the differences between schools of the South

and schools of the North during the Great Migration. Children will design their own ideal classroom.

**Date:** February 6, 2019  
**Time:** 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
**Event:** Lila: The Life of a Missouri Slave  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library-Carpenter

Angela da Silva will recreate Lila's story which is very tragic, but also a story of survival, strength and ultimately, success as she takes control of her future at an advanced age, when the inner quest for freedom can no longer be ignored. Adults.

**Date:** February 7, 2019  
**Time:** 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
**Event:** I Look at the World: Black History Then and Now  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library-Julia Davis

Teens will read the poem, "I Look at the World" by Langston Hughes and learn about other prominent African American figures who used poetry and writing to express political thought during the Harlem Renaissance. Afterwards, teens will have the opportunity to write and share their own poems or narratives. Teens.

**Date:** February 9, 2019  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
**Event:** 2019 – Black Migrations and Urban Realities

**Place: Bellefontaine Recreational Center  
9669 Bellefontaine Road  
St. Louis, MO 63137**

City of Bellefontaine Neighbors Black History Celebration Chairwoman,  
Alderwoman Alease Dailes  
alease.dailes@gmail.com  
314.403.0888

Please join us for the third annual Black History Celebration and support our community students' performances and local African American vendors. We will have children activities, face painting, black history educational trivia and other community entertainment.

**Date: February 9, 2019  
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Event: Movie: “Tell Them We are Rising: The Story of Black Colleges and Universities”  
Place: St. Louis Public Library-Central**

The latest documentary from Stanley Nelson (“Black Panthers,” “Freedom Riders”) and Marco Williams, the powerful story of the rise, influence, and evolution of America’s Historically Black Colleges and Universities comes to life. Adults.

**Date: February 9, 2019  
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Event: Creative Kids: Great Migration Mapping  
Place: St. Louis Public Library-Central**

Children will listen to a reading of the picture book This is the Rope by Jacqueline Woodson and map out the family's journey on a large interactive map of the United States. School age.

**Date:** February 10, 2019  
**Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
**Event:** A Speaking Engagement  
featuring Former St. Louis  
Cardinal Ozzie Smith  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library-Central

The event is free and open to the public.  
Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Date:** February 11 - 16, 2019  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m. – 12 Noon  
**Event:** Where'd You Go to High School:  
The Black High School  
Experience in St. Louis  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library-  
Machacek

A pictorial and interactive display about Black high schools in St. Louis since the Great Migration. The display will rotate within the region. Each location will have a reception with the opening of the display.

2nd Week @ St. Louis Public Library-  
Machacek

**Date:** February 12, 2019  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
**Event:** Program Title: Save or Spend?  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library-Schlafly

Children will listen to the book, Uncle Jed's Barbershop, about an African-American barber who, despite significant setbacks,

saves enough money to buy his own barbershop. The concepts of saving, savings goals, and segregation will be discussed. The students will participate in a card game to further investigate what it takes to reach a savings goal. Two copies of Uncle Jed's Barbershop will be given as door prizes. School age.

**Date:** **February 18, 2019**  
**Time:** **1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
**Event:** **Program Title: Save or Spend?**  
**Place:** **St. Louis Public Library-Walnut Park**

Program Title: I, Too, Am America  
Families will listen to a reading of I, Too, Am America by Langston Hughes, illustrated by Bryan Collier. Families will make collages similar to the collaged illustrations seen in the book.

**Date:** **February 18, 2019**  
**Time:** **3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
**Event:** **One Crazy Summer**  
**Place:** **St. Louis Public Library-Baden**

Children will listen to the audio reading of Rita Williams-Garcia's book One Crazy Summer and make protest signs using Alphabet Stamps as a printing press. School age.

**Date:** **February 18 - 28, 2019**  
**Time:** **3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
**Event:** **Where'd you go to High School:  
The Black High School  
Experience in St. Louis**  
**Place:** **St. Louis Public Library-Buder**

A pictorial and interactive display about Black high schools in St. Louis since the Great Migration. The display will rotate within the region. Each location will have a reception with the opening of the display.  
3rd Week @ St. Louis Public Library-Buder.

**Date:** **February 19, 2019**  
**Time:** **5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**  
**Event:** **In the Footsteps of the Great Migration**  
**Place:** **St. Louis Public Library-Barr**

Explore the Great Migration in this interactive program that takes you along the three major streams of migration. Each stream will highlight different challenges, trials, and triumphs of those who migrated. Patrons will be encouraged to participate in a mixed-media art piece inspired by Langston Hughes' poem, One-Way Ticket that will be displayed at St. Louis Public Library-Barr for the remainder of Black History Month.

**Date:** **February 19, 2019**  
**Time:** **4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Event:** **Save or Spend?**  
**Place:** **St. Louis Public Library-Cabanne**

Children will listen to the book, Uncle Jed's Barbershop, about an African-American barber who, despite significant setbacks, saves enough money to buy his own barbershop. The concepts of saving, savings goals, and segregation will be discussed. The students will participate in a card game to further investigate what it takes to reach a

savings goal. Two copies of Uncle Jed's Barbershop will be given as door prizes. School age.

**Date:** **February 19, 2019**  
**Time:** **4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Event:** **Black History Month: Picture Yourself in History**  
**Place:** **St. Louis Public Library-Central**

Teens will learn about the Harlem Renaissance and Photoshop themselves with notable artists and influential figures of the times. Teens will receive a framed copy. Teens.

**Date:** **February 21, 2019**  
**Time:** **4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Event:** **Creative Kids: Can You Paint Like Jacob Lawrence?**  
**Place:** **St. Louis Public Library-Carondelet**

Creative experience. Who was Jacob Lawrence? Can you paint like him? School age.

**Date:** **February 21, 2019**  
**Time:** **5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Event:** **Creative Kids: Can You Paint Like Jacob Lawrence?**  
**Place:** **St. Louis Public Library-Carpenter**

Painting the Great Migration  
Following the styles of Jacob Lawrence and Romare Bearden, explore the history of Black migration by creating your own painting or collage. School age.

**Date:** **February 21, 2019**  
**Time:** **7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**  
**Event:** **Times' A Getting Harder:  
Stories of the Great Migration  
Presenter - Call to Conscience**  
**Place:** **St. Louis Public Library-Schlafly**

Time's A Getting' Harder: Stories of the Great Migration as presented by A Call to Conscience (C2C). C2C will chronicle individual stories of hardship & triumph of African Americans. The stories will recount through narratives, music, and slides that will describe true accounts of individual lives and collective experiences of people who participated in and witnessed the Great Migration firsthand. Adults.

**Date:** **February 23, 2019**  
**Time:** **7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**  
**Event:** **Movie: “John Lewis: Get in the Way”**  
**Place:** **St. Louis Public Library-Central**

The first major documentary biography of John Lewis, civil rights hero, congressional leader and champion of human rights whose unwavering fight for justice spans the past 50 years. The film showcases never-before-seen footage shot over 20 years. Adults.

**Date:** **February 23, 2019**  
**Time:** **7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**  
**Event:** **The East St. Louis Race Riot of 1917: Look How Far We've Come**  
**Place:** **St. Louis Public Library-Walnut Park**

In 2017, in the Metro-East area, the East St. Louis 1917 Centennial Commission and Cultural Initiative sponsored activities throughout the year that focused on the riot. Hear remarks by speakers, Dr. Andrew Theising and Edmond Brown, who will focus on the history of the riot and the examination of the city's current economical and political state. A related exhibit will be on display at the Branch throughout February 2019. Adults.

**Date:** **February 27, 2019**  
**Time:** **4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Event:** **The Great Migration: You Choose**  
**Place:** **St. Louis Public Library- Kingshighway**

Create an interactive story and find out where your choices will lead you. School age.

**Date:** **February 27, 2019**  
**Time:** **6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Event:** **Great Migration: Two Steps Forward, One Step Back**  
**Place:** **St. Louis Public Library-Julia Davis**

SLPL and Mack Williams of History To You, Inc., looks at the Great Migration. Adults.

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

# **SPRINGFIELD**



**CHARLOTTE HARDIN**  
**Commissioner, Springfield**



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote:

*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."*

*The Springfield Dr. Martin Luther King  
Celebration was not finalized at the time this  
calendar was published.*

# **WARRENSBURG**



## ***One Dream, One Nation: Moving Forward Together***

**Date:** **January 15, 2019**

**Time:** **12:30 p.m.**

**Event:** **Issues Forum**

**Place:** **University of St. Louis Public  
Library-Central Missouri  
Café Rouge, Elliott Student  
Union**

Let's Talk: What is Your Life's Blueprint?

**Date:** **January 16, 2019**

**Time:** **11:45 a.m.**

**Event:** **MLK Community Service  
Awards Luncheon**

**Place:** **Greater Warrensburg Area  
Chamber of Commerce  
100 S. Holden  
Warrensburg, MO**

Fitt-Kickers, 121 E Pine Street Awards for Community Service and High School Community Service will be presented at the Greater Warrensburg Area Chamber of Commerce monthly business luncheon. Register with the Chamber of Commerce by calling 660-747-3168. Tickets are \$13.

**Date:** **January 17, 2019**

**Time:** **11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**Event: MLK/Advocacy Photo Booth**  
**Place: Elliott Student Union Atrium**

**Date: January 21, 2019**  
**Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.**  
**Event: MLK Day of Service**  
**Place: TBA**

Register at [ucmo.edu/volunteer](http://ucmo.edu/volunteer) by Dec. 7.  
For more information, please contact Kristie Brinkley or Ricardo Azmora.  
[kbrinkley@ucmo.edu](mailto:kbrinkley@ucmo.edu); [rjamora@ucmo.edu](mailto:rjamora@ucmo.edu)

**Date: January 21, 2019**  
**Time: 6:00 p.m.**  
**Event: Community Praise and Worship Service**  
**Place: UCM Alumni Memorial Chapel**

**Date: January 22, 2019**  
**Time: 6:30 p.m.**  
**Event: Freedom Scholarship Dinner**  
**Place: Elliott Student Union Ballroom**

Keynote Speaker: Robert N. Page, Jr., Executive Director for Equity and Inclusion, Metropolitan Community College, Kansas City, Missouri. Purchase tickets at the Student Experience and Engagement Office (Admin 214) or the Greater Warrensburg Area Chamber of Commerce, 100 S. Holden



**Robert N. Page, Jr.**

**Date:** January 23, 2019  
**Time:** 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
**Event:** Volunteer Fair  
**Place:** Elliott Student Union Atrium

**Date:** January 30-31, 2019  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (both days)  
**Event:** MLK Celebration Blood Drive  
**Place:** Elliott Student Union Ballroom

We are prone to judge success by the index of our salaries or the size of our automobiles, rather than by the quality of our service and relationship to humanity.

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
1929 - 1968

## **Corporation for National Community Service**

### **2019 MLK Day of Service**

For the last 24 years, the Corporation for National and Community Service has promoted service to honor Dr. King on the federal holiday designated for him. Whether you have previously participated in or led activities for this day of service or this is your first time planning an event, it is pertinent to remember his words, “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is: **What are you doing for others?**”

We hope you will join CNCS and thousands of organizations across the country to honor Dr. King through service on the holiday, during the week leading up to the holiday, or sign up to volunteer throughout the year in his memory. Activities to honor Dr. King often occur throughout the week (Jan. 15 – 21).

If you are still thinking about how to honor Dr. King’s legacy, please visit [MLKDay.gov](http://MLKDay.gov) and check out our project ideas. There are many ideas listed that you could do, including bring people together to train them to volunteer with your organization or initiative throughout the year.

You will also find new social media graphics, downloadable posters, and other resources to support engaging your community in service.

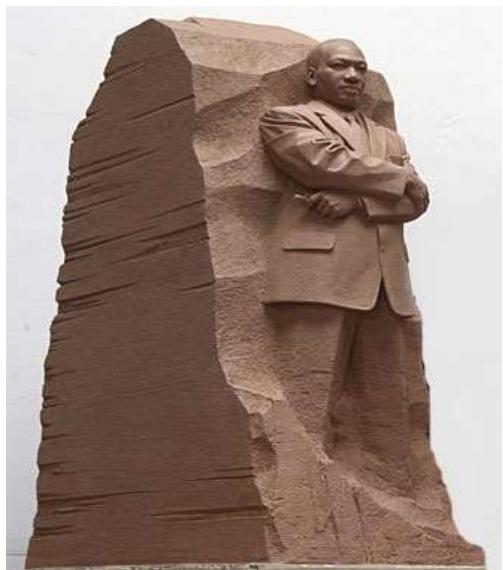
If you have already planned how you will honor Dr. King, please take a moment to

register your service project. The process is very simple this year: choose “Start a project” to register a one-time event. Even if your project is not accepting additional volunteers, registering your project will let CNCS, local media or community members that may want to support your efforts know about them. If you are not accepting additional volunteers, please leave the volunteers needed box blank, or enter the number one.

If you have any questions about King Day, please email: [MLKDay@cns.gov](mailto:MLKDay@cns.gov).



## *National Memorial Site*



### ***Dr. King Monument***

Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

## ***The St. Louis Public Library***

(Hours and Locations)

St. Louis Public Library-Central Library  
1301 Olive Street  
St. Louis, MO 63103  
314-241-2288  
TDD: 314-539-0364 M - TH: 10 a.m. -9  
p.m.  
F - SA: 10 a.m. —6 p.m.  
SU: 1p.m. — 5 p.m. (first floor only)

St. Louis Public Library-Central Express  
815 Olive Street, Suite 160  
St. Louis, MO 63101  
314-206-6755  
M- F: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Baden Branch  
8448 Church Rd.  
St. Louis, MO 63147  
314-388-2400  
M: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
TU - TH: Noon - 7 p.m.  
F: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
SA: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

St. Louis Public Library-Barr Branch  
1701 S. Jefferson Ave.  
St. Louis, MO 63104  
314-771-7040  
M: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
TU - TH: Noon - 7 p.m.  
F: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
SA: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

St. Louis Public Library-Buder Branch  
4401 Hampton Ave.  
St. Louis, MO 63109  
314-352-2900

M - TH: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

F & SA: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

SU: 1 - 5 p.m.

Cabanne Branch

1106 Union Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63113

314-367-0717

M: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

TU - TH: Noon - 7 p.m.

F: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

SA: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

St. Louis Public Library-Carondelet Branch

6800 Michigan Ave.

St. Louis, MO 63111

314-752-9224

M: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

TU - TH: Noon - 7 p.m.

F: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

SA: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

St. Louis Public Library-Carpenter Branch

3309 S. Grand Blvd.

St. Louis, MO 63118

314-772-6586

F & SA: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

SU: 1 - 5 p.m.

Charing Cross

356 N. Skinker Blvd.

St. Louis, MO 63130

314-726-2653

Closed Monday

TU - F: 1-6 p.m.

SA: 9 a.m.-Noon & 1-6 p.m.

Divoll Branch

4234 N. Grand Blvd.

St. Louis, MO 63107

314-534-0313

M: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

TU - TH: Noon - 7 p.m.

F: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

SA: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

St. Louis Public Library-Julia Davis Branch

4415 Natural Bridge Ave.

St. Louis, MO 63115

314-383-3021

M - TH: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

F & SA: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

SU: 1-5 p.m.

Kingshighway Branch

2260 S. Vandeventer Ave.

St. Louis, MO 63110

314-771-5450

M: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

TU - TH: Noon - 7 p.m.

F: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

SA: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

St. Louis Public Library-Machacek Branch

6424 Scanlan Ave.

St. Louis, MO 63139

314-781-2948

M: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

TU - TH: Noon - 7 p.m.

F: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

SA: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

St. Louis Marketplace

6548 Manchester Ave.

St. Louis, MO 63139

314-647-0939

Closed Monday

TU - TH: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

F: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

SA: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

St. Louis Public Library-Schlafly Branch

225 N. Euclid Ave.

St. Louis, MO 63108

314-367-4120

M - TH: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

F & SA: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

SU: 1 - 5 p.m.

Walnut Park Branch

5760 W. Florissant Ave.

St. Louis, MO 63120

314-383-1210

M: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

TU - TH: Noon - 7 p.m.

F: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

SA: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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The time is always right, to do what is right.

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

If any of you are around when I have to meet my day, I don't want a long funeral. And if you get somebody to deliver the eulogy, tell him not to talk too long. And every now and then I wonder what I want him to say. Tell him not to mention that I have a Nobel Peace Prize. That isn't so important. Tell him not to mention that I have three or four hundred other awards – that's not important. Tell him not to mention where I went to school.

I'd like somebody to mention that day that Martin Luther King Jr. tried to give his life serving others. I'd like for somebody to say that day that Martin Luther King Jr. tried to love somebody. I want you to say that I tried to be right on the war question. I want you to be able to say that day that I did try to feed the hungry. I want you to say that day that I did try in my life to clothe those who were naked. I want you to say on that day that I did try in my life to visit those who were in prison. And I want you to say that I tried to love and serve humanity.....

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
February 1968  
Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia*

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